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SUBJECT: SAINT FORMINA'S HOME FOR COLORED GIRLS:
CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

1. THE OFFICE OF SENATOR BIDEN (DEL) HAS LEARNED OF A FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN IN THE US ON BEHALF OF SAINT FORMINA'S HOME FOR COLORED GIRLS LOCATED IN DURBAN. HOME IS SAID TO PROVIDE FOR 75 HOMELESS COLORED GIRLS AND TO OFFER SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING AN INFIRMARY FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED.

2. PARTICULAR OCCASION FOR FUND RAISING EFFORT IS DECISION BY THE AUTHORITIES UNDER THE GROUP AREAS ACT TO REQUIRE THIS HOME TO MOVE TO THE DURBAN SUBURB OF SYDENHAM. EXPENSES WILL INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF NEW FACILITIES.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE VERIFICATION OF BONA FIDES OF THIS INSTITUTION. SENATOR BIDEN'S OFFICE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN THE CONGEN'S VIEW OF POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH AN

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INSTITUTION WHICH APPEARS TO BE INTENDED TO SERVE

ONE SPECIFIC RACIAL GROUP IN THE POPULATION. IS
IT LIKELY THAT THIS WOULD BE SEEN AS CONTRARY TO
THE EFFORTS OF LEADERS IN VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF
THE BLACK COMMUNITY TO ERASE THE DISTINCTIONS AMONG
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